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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicants:** Nicholas K. Hayward, et al.**Examiner:** Unassigned**Serial No.:** 09/907,007**Art Unit:** Unassigned**Filing Date:** July 17, 2001**Docket:** 10441B**For:** A NOVEL GROWTH FACTOR AND A  
GENETIC SEQUENCE ENCODING  
SAME**Date:** October 4, 2001Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as

follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**Please add the following new Claims 59-60:

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59. (New) An isolated nucleic acid which hybridizes under high stringency conditions to SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein said high stringency conditions comprise 0.1-1x SSC/0.1% w/v SDS at 60°C for 1-3 hours, wherein said nucleic acid encodes a VEGF-B molecule.

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